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## Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Raymond Phan

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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 34-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 34-43 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Part III DETAILED ACTION**

#### ***Notice to Applicant(s)***

1. This action is responsive to the following communications: remark after final filed on May 25, 2007.
2. This application has been examined. Claims 34-43 are pending.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in-

(1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or

(2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

4. Claims 34-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Morimoto et al. (US No. 6,774,935).

In regard to claims 34, 36, Morimoto et al. disclose data processing method of providing a first device (i.e. a camera) adapted to be connected to a second device (i.e. PC or printer), and comprising a communicator having a first interface function defined in an asymmetric interface standard and operable to communicate at least one of a data file and a control command which causes the second device (i.e. printer) to print an image based on image data, with the second device having a second interface function defined in the asymmetric interface standard (see figure 20 see col. 11, lines 51-60); connecting the second device to the first device (see

figure 20); judging whether the second device is either a personal computer or a printer operable to perform printing without an aid of a personal computer (see col. 12, lines 8-42); causing the communicator to transmit, to the second device, an image data file containing image data and a control signal causing the second device to print an image based on the image data, in a case where it is judged that the second device is the printer (see col. 12, lines 30-42); and causing the communicator to communicate a data file with the second device in a case where it is judged that the second device is the personal computer (see col. 12, lines 13-20).

In regard to claims 35, 37, 39, 41, Morimoto et al. disclose wherein the first interface function is a device side interface function of the USB (see col. 12, lines 13-20) and the second interface function is a host-side interface function of the USB (see col. 12, lines 13-20).

In regard to claims 38, 40, 42-43, Morimoto et al. disclose a first device (i.e. a camera) adapted to be connected to a second device (i.e. PC or printer), and comprising a storage 8, operable to store at least one data file including an image data file which contains image data (see figure 4, col. 6, lines 10-15); a communicator having a first interface function defined in an asymmetric interface standard and operable to communicate at least one of a data file and a control command which causes the second device (i.e. printer) to print an image based on image data, with the second device having a second interface function defined in the asymmetric interface standard (see figure 20 see col. 11, lines 51-60); connecting the second device to the first device (see figure 20); judging whether the second device is either a personal computer or a printer operable to perform printing without an aid of a personal computer (see col. 12, lines 8-42); causing the communicator to transmit, to the second device, an image data file containing

image data and a control signal causing the second device to print an image based on the image data, in a case where it is judged that the second device is the printer (see col. 12, lines 30-42); and causing the communicator to communicate a data file with the second device in a case where it is judged that the second device is the personal computer (see col. 12, lines 13-20).

### ***Response to Amendment***

5. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

6. Applicant's arguments, see on pages 2-4, filed on May 25, 2007, with respect to the new claims 34-43 have been fully considered and they are not are persuasive for condition for allowance. Upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of same reference of Moromoto et al.

### ***Conclusion***

7. Claims 34-43 are rejected.

8. The prior arts made of record and not relied upon are considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

**Suzuki et al. (US No. 6,104,886)** disclose a print system and electronic camera.

**Steinberg et al. (US No. 6,006,039)** disclose a method and apparatus for configuring a camera through external means.

**Battles et al. (US No. 7,113,218)** disclose the digital docking system user interface method and apparatus.

**Uemura (US No. 7,200,685)** discloses the communication apparatus for communicating data between separate topologies, and related method, storage medium, and program.

**Bianchi (US Pub No. 2004/0088465)** discloses the docking station.

**Eckhaus et al. (US Pub No. 2005/0185205)** disclose the digital printer for transferring and printing images from a digital camera and a computer.

**Ogiwara et al. (US Pub No. 2004/0021902)** disclose the digital camera and printer.

**Tanaka (US Pub No. 2004/0189808)** discloses the host/function apparatus.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Raymond Phan, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3630. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6:30AM- 4:00PM. The Group Fax No (571) 273-8300.

Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [[raymond.phan@uspto.gov](mailto:raymond.phan@uspto.gov)].

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC 2100 central telephone number is (571) 272-2100.



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